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-- REMARKS --

Claims 1-26 remain under consideration. No new matter has been added with the amendments to claims 1, 13 and 23.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-26 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Beelitz

The §102(e) rejection of claims 1-26 is traversed. In order to maintain this §102(e) rejection, each and every element of the claimed invention must be disclosed in as great detail by the reference. Because the reference does not disclose each and every element, this rejection must fall.

Beelitz does not disclose "creating a first list of target devices to be configured" as claimed in claims 1, 13 and 23. The Examiner references column 7, lines 35-40 and 48-51 as disclosing the claimed element. However, these citations merely disclose that a list of "operating systems" is generated, and not a first list of target devices to be configured.

In an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 1, 13 and claim 23 to more precisely claim the invention. Applicants have not amended the claims to avoid any reference – rather, the amendment is to more clearly point out the invention. In any event, Beelitz does not disclose that wherein the target devices are to be remotely booted by the server, as claimed in claims 1, 13 and 23, and therefore cannot anticipate the instant invention.

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Beelitz is addressed to a problem facing computer manufacturers – how to install operating systems on computers that are being assembled. Beelitz discloses a method of installing operating systems for target computers that will be separated from the network, shipped to an end user, and then booted. *See, inter alia*, the Abstract of Beelitz, disclosing a “system for specifying, ordering, and building a build-to-order computer system.”

In contrast to the Beelitz disclosure, the instant case addresses problems faced by network administrators with target devices that are remotely booted on a network.

Beelitz does not disclose “adding the addressed target device having an associated network address to the first list of target devices” as claimed in claims 4 and 16. The Examiner’s citation to column 7 lines 20-30 is misplaced. At most, Beelitz discloses that the order of the entries in the master data base 125 determines the order of the presentation of the lists of options. Beelitz does not disclose target devices with an associated network address, nor a first list of target devices, nor adding addressed target devices having an associated network address to the first list of target devices. Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 4 and 16 is requested for at least this additional reason.

Similarly, claims 5 and 17 claim “removing the addressed target device having an associated network address from the first list of target devices.” As Beelitz does not disclose adding an addressed target device, Beelitz does not disclose removing the addressed target device. The Examiner’s citation to column 4, lines 59-64 is misplaced, as Beelitz merely discloses advantages of presenting a user with a list of options that are compatible with a previous selected choice. Beelitz does not disclose target devices with an associated network address, nor a first list of target devices, nor removing addressed target devices having an associated network address from the first list of target devices. Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 5 and 17 is requested for at least this additional reason.

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Beelitz does not disclose "determining if a target device has an associated network address" as claimed in claim 8. The Examiner's citation to column 7 lines 35-40 is misplaced, as Beelitz merely discloses accessing a master data base 125 to create or generate a list of operating system types available for a targeted computer system. No "associated network address" is disclosed. Withdrawal of the rejection to claim 8 is requested for at least this additional reason.

Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1, 13 and 23 is requested. Claims 2-12, 14-22 and 24-26 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 13, and 23 respectively, incorporating the limitations of their respective independent claims, and therefore withdrawal of the rejections to these claims is also requested.

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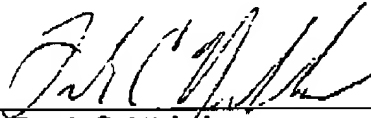
CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-26 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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